

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

JANUARY 15, 1891.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. DAVIS (by Mr. MANDERSON), from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany S. 4488.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 4488) granting a pension to Elizabeth R. Lee, have examined the same and report:

The following is a condensed statement of the rank and service of Colonel Lee:

MILITARY RECORD OF MAJ., BREVET LIEUT. COL., AND COL. SAMUEL P. LEE.

Born in Maine. Appointed from Maine. Civil life. Retired.

Actual rank.—First lieutenant Third Maine Volunteer Infantry, July 31, 1861; captain September 1, 1862; major, November 14, 1862; honorably mustered out, November 12, 1863; major Veteran Reserve Corps, November 9, 1863; accepted November 13, 1863; honorably mustered out, October 19, 1866; captain Forty-Fifth United States Infantry, July 23, 1866; accepted October 20, 1866; unassigned July 22, 1869; retired with rank of major, December 15, 1870, for loss of right arm and wounds in line of duty.

Brevet rank.—Brevet, March 2, 1867, for gallant and meritorious services in the battle of Fredericksburgh, Va.; lieutenant-colonel, March 2, 1867, for gallant and meritorious services in the battle of Gettysburgh, Pa.; lieutenant-colonel and colonel of volunteers March 13, 1865, for distinguished gallantry in the battles of Fredericksburgh, Va., and Gettysburgh, Pa.

Staff positions occupied.—Aid-de-camp to General Birney, June to November, 1862; aid-de-camp to General Sickles, 1863.

Service.—In the Army of the Potomac 1861-'63, during the war of the rebellion, participating in all its campaigns from the first Bull Run in 1861 to Gettysburgh in 1863, when he lost his right arm; in Veteran Reserve Corps November, 1863, in Washington City, to 1864; Johnson's Island to January, 1865; member of Military Commission, Cincinnati, Ohio, to April, 1865; commanding post of Johnson's Island July to December, 1865; on duty in the Freedmen's Bureau, Alexandria, Va., from December 28, 1865, to April 21, 1869; also military commissioner and superintendent of election and registration of the Nineteenth Division of Virginia during the period of reconstruction until October 25, 1869; acting commissary of subsistence for Indians at Fort Sill, Ind. T., until August 23, 1870; in attendance before the retiring board, Fort Leavenworth, Kans., September, 1870; waiting orders until retired.

Battles, skirmishes, etc.—Engaged at the first battle of Bull Run, siege of Yorktown, battles of Williamsburgh, Fair Oaks, Savage Station, Glendale, and Malvern Hill; battles of Seven Pines, second Bull Run, and Chantilly; battles of Fredericksburgh (wounded) and Charlottesville; battle of Gettysburgh (wounded and lost right arm at shoulder joint).

In the Official Records of the Rebellion Colonel Lee is mentioned many times. General Birney, in his report of the battle of Seven Pines says in the Official Records of the Rebellion, Series 1, volume 11, page 189: "Colonel Lee, of my staff, was untiring in his efforts and rendered me gallant and distinguished service." Also, in the report of General Hobart Ward, at the battle of Fredericksburgh, December 15, 1862, the Official Records of the Rebellion, Series 1, volume 21, page 370, he says: "Major Lee has well sustained the reputation of his regiment and his State. He was severely wounded in the thigh, but remained on the field the whole day."

Colonel Lee died from the effects of the severe wounds he received in the service of his country. He was a great and constant sufferer from such wounds until the day of his death, and being incapacitated for labor, he was entirely dependent upon the pension which he received for support. His condition required the constant care and attention of his wife, who is left a widow with such limited means as to require the pension provided for in the bill for her comfortable support.

The committee therefore recommend that the bill be amended by striking out all after the word "of," in line 11 of the printed bill, and inserting in lieu thereof the words "the passage of this act;" and that when so amended the bill do pass.

WAR DEPARTMENT,
Washington City, December 12, 1890.

SIR: In reply to your inquiry of this date, I am directed by the Secretary of War to inform you that it appears from the records that S. P. Lee (who is also borne as Samuel P. Lee) was mustered into service as first lieutenant Company E, Third Maine Infantry Volunteers, to date July 31, 1861; as captain same company, to date September 1, 1862, and as major same regiment, to date November 4, 1862; and that he was honorably discharged as of the latter grade to date November 12, 1863, to enable him to accept an appointment in the Invalid Corps.

The records further show that he accepted an appointment as major Veteran Reserve Corps, November 13, 1863, and was honorably discharged as such to date October 19, 1866, his services being no longer required.

Very respectfully,

F. C. AINSWORTH,
Captain and Assistant Surgeon, U. S. Army.

Maj. W. P. HUXFORD,
Washington, D. C.

WAR DEPARTMENT, ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Washington, December 12, 1890.

Statement of the military service of Samuel P. Lee, of the U. S. Army, compiled from the records of this office.

REGULAR ARMY RECORD.

Appointed captain Forty-fifth Infantry July 28, 1866. Unassigned July 22, 1869.

He received the brevet of major March 2, 1867, "for gallant and meritorious services at the battle of Fredericksburgh, Va.," and of lieutenant-colonel March 2, 1867, "for gallant and meritorious services at the battle of Gettysburgh, Pa."

He was on duty in the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands at Alexandria, Va., from November 5, 1866, to April 21, 1869; he had permission to delay joining his regiment to May 24, 1869 (rendered supernumerary by the consolidation of the Fourteenth and Forty-fifth Regiments of Infantry July 22, 1869); on reconstruction duty in the First Military District to September 23, 1869; en route to Headquarters Military Division of the Missouri, and on twenty days' leave to November 26, 1869; acting commissary of subsistence for Indians at Fort Sill, Ind. T., to August, 1870; undergoing examination before a retiring board and awaiting orders to December 15, 1870, upon which date he was retired for loss of right arm and for wounds received in line of duty.

He died October 20, 1890.

C. MCKEEVER,
Assistant Adjutant-General.